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CUBAN EMBASSY MALE RSN WAS SURE SHE HAD NOT "HEARD MR. LEE IN HAVANA WHO DID THE
 SHOOTING." SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS MAN OF VINEGAR AND EXTREMELY FULL OF BARS AND INDICATED
 THAT IF POSSIBLE THIS MAN HAD BEEN KIDNAPED BY A CUBAN. SHE SAID SHE HAD WRITTEN
 "PERSON" ABOUT BAD INFORMATION SHE HAD HAD OF THIS LEE. (HQS COMMENT: GIBSON IS
 FAIRPLAY FOR CUBA KEP IN GENEVA) ALMOST THREE YEARS LATER SMETHLAGE AGAIN CONTACTED
 CUBAN EMBASSY RSN'S AND SAID "MR LEE OF THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE" HAD BEEN
 KIDNAPED AND IT WAS ANOTHER PERSON NAMED LEE OSWALD WHO HAD DONE IT. SMETHLAGE
 SEEMED TO BE GLAD TO HAVE HEARD "CORRECT" VERSION. (HQS COMMENT: MR. LEE MAY BE
 IDENTICAL VINCENT THOROUGH LEE WHO REPLACED RICHARD GIBSON AS HEAD OF FAIR PLAY
 FOR CUBA COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK. ALSO LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAS USED ALIAS O. H. LEE)
 HOWEVER NO TRACES TRAVEL TO CUBA LOCATED AS OF THIS DATE.

H. ACCORDING RELIABLE INFO SMETHLAGE WAS IN CUBA JANUARY 1963 AND ACCORDING
 TO OFFICIAL NORTH SOURCE SHE AGAIN TRAVELED CUBA FOR MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS 1963.

END OF MESSAGE

* HQS COMMENT - Requested Liaison and station traces Lee Harvey Oswald.

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